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Mr. William Binek
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**RE: PLAINS PIPELINE, L.P.
CASE NO. PU-05-184**

Dear Mr. Binek:

As you know, at the hearing of the above-captioned matter which took place in Williston, North Dakota on August 11, 2005, some inquiry was made as to the width of the corridor Plains Pipeline, L.P. ("Plains") evaluated for the purposes of its application to the North Dakota Public Service Commission ("Commission") for a corridor certificate and a route permit for its proposed Trenton Expansion Project. During questioning by the Commission staff, Mr. Dan Holli indicated that the Plains' evaluation was limited to a 50 foot right of way. On redirect, Mr. Holli noted that in some locations the areas evaluated were in excess of 240 meters. Since the hearing on August 11, 2005, Plains has been advised by representatives of Metcalf Archaeological Consultants, Inc. ("MAC") that the cultural resources inventory of the area of the proposed Trenton Expansion Project was indeed limited to the 50 feet right of way of the project except in those areas where cultural resources were discovered, in which case the review and inventory was expanded as described by Mr. Holli at the hearing.

In an effort to comply with criteria established by statutes and rules of the Commission for the siting of this project, Plains has once again retained MAC to conduct a cultural resources review of the area of the proposed Trenton Expansion Project. A copy of a letter dated August 18, 2005 from MAC transmitting an addendum to the report of MAC filed with Plains' application on June 20, 2005 is being forwarded to the Commission under separate cover. As you will note, the new corridor studied by MAC was 200 feet in width

except for those areas on either side of North Dakota Highway 1804 where directional drilling operators are being proposed where an area of 300 feet by 300 feet was surveyed and inventoried. This additional evaluation revealed no cultural resources other than those initially identified in the report submitted by Plains with its application.

In addition, it should be noted that the evidence presented at the hearing of this matter demonstrated that Plains has acquired all but one of the landowner easements necessary for this project. The only easement yet to be acquired was one from Mr. John W. Ell which was acquired on September 12, 2005.

Further, the evidence presented at hearing of this matter demonstrated that the only avoidance area which the pipeline encroached upon was a rural residence owned by John W. Ell. Plains secured a waiver from Mr. Ell on September 12, 2005.

Finally, the evidence presented at the hearing of this matter demonstrated that Plains had been in contact with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service regarding this project. Plains has had subsequent conversations with representatives of these state and federal agencies and these agencies have indicated that they have no objection to the project.

Considering the information set forth herein, Plains respectfully requests that the Commission exercise its discretionary authority pursuant to the provisions of Section 69-06-04-02 of the North Dakota Administrative Code and reduce the width of the corridor of the proposed Trenton Expansion Project from "one mile" to 200 feet except in those areas on either side of North Dakota Highway 1804 where directional drilling operations will be conducted where Plains requests that the corridor be 300 feet in diameter. As part of any order the Commission might enter granting this request, Plains would have no objection to such order specifically indicating that Plains will under no circumstances operate outside this corridor in the construction and installation of its proposed Trenton Expansion Project.

In accordance with the foregoing and to supplement the application of Plains in the above-referenced matter, by separate cover letter we have this date filed with the Commission the following:

1. Addendum to Report of MAC contained in the Appendix to the original application filed on June 20, 2005.

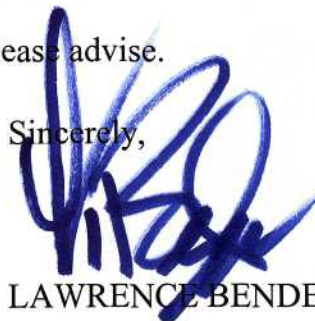
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2. Waiver of homeowner to 500 foot setback request.
3. Letter from State Historical Society of North Dakota indicating that no historic properties are affected by the project.
4. Letter from North Dakota Game and Fish Department indicating they have no objection to the Trenton Expansion Project.
5. Acknowledgement from U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service indicating they have no objection to the Trenton Expansion Project.
6. Proposed Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order.

As was stated at the hearing of the above-captioned matter, Plains is anxious to proceed with this project so that the capacity of the line can be increased to accommodate the increase of oil production in the Richland County area. Early consideration of this matter will avoid the necessity of transporting large volumes of oil by truck or shutting in wells.

Should you have any questions, please advise.

Sincerely,



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